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Title: JOINING CONNECTION, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME AND A STEERING COLUMN FOR MOTOR VEHICLES
COMPRISING SUCH A JOINING CONNECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract, as amended by way of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/EP00/04895, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Submitted herewith is a substitute specification and marked-up copy thereof which includes the changes made by way of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report.